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1. WE CONTINUE TO QUESTION REFERENCE TO PLO ACTIVITIES IN MED PAPER AS CURRENTLY DEFINED. HOWEVER, SHOULD OTHERS INSIST ON SOME REFERENCE, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. ALTHOUGH 'ARAFAT HAS BEEN DEVOTING HIS EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATING FATAH'S PREEMINENT ROLE WITHIN THE PLO AND HIS OWN LEADERSHIP, SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT REMAIN OPPOSED TO ANY COMPROMISE WITH ISRAEL. FURTHERMORE, 'ARAFAT HIMSELF PROBABLY STILL HARBORS SOME SUSPICIONS THAT, DESPITE THE BREAKDOWN OF SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS IN

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MARCH AND SADAT'S SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENT OF GENEVA, SADAT

MIGHT YET AGREE TO A BILATERAL SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL IF
THE TERMS WERE RIGHT. SUCH SUSPICIONS WERE, IN ALL LIKELI-
HOOD, ONE FACTOR BEHIND THE FATAH ATTACK ON THE SAVOY HOTEL
IN TEL AVIV ON THE EVE OF DR. KISSINGERS VISIT TO THE AREA.
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